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SUBJ: CSCE/ MBFR LINKAGE: NAC DISCUSSION MAY 30

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BEGIN SUMMARY: PRESENTATION OF U. S. POSITION ON CSCE/ MBFR LINKAGE
(REFTEL) LED UK, FRG, TURKEY,
DENMARK, ITALY AND NORWAY IMMEDIATELY AGREED WITH U. S. POSITION.
NETHERLANDS DISAGREED VOCIFEROUSLY AND RECEIVED SOME SUPPORT FROM
BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, CANADA AND SYG LUNS. FRANCE REPEATED POSITION
THAT THE TIMING AND CONDUCT OF CSCE CANNOT BE GOVERNED BY MBFR
CONSIDERATIONS. LUNS CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO AGREEMENT
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AMONG THE ALLIES ON LINKAGE QUESTION AND EACH GOVERNMENT IS FREE TO
PURSUE INDEPENDENT POSITION IN DISCUSSION WITH SOVIETS.
END SUMMARY.

1. LUNS OPENED DISCUSSION BY OUTLINING NAC WORK PROGRAM PRIOR TO COPENHAGEN MINISTERIAL (SEPTEL). HE REMARKED THAT MBFR/ CSCE PARALLELISM IS NOW THE KEY QUESTION, SINCE THE ALLIES WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO AGREE THAT THEIR MAIN SUBSTANTIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CSCE PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MET IN HELSINKI MPT. IF THE ALLIES CAN AGREE ON PARALLELISM, THIS CAN BE REFLECTED IN THE COPENHAGEN MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE TOGETHER WITH AGREED DATES.

2. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR MENZIES CRITICIZED REPORTED SUGGESTIONS IN THE VIENNA AD HOC GROUP THAT THE MBFR DISCUSSIONS SHOULD RECESS ON JUNE 2 AND NOT RESUME UNTIL AFTER THE NATO MINISTERIAL AND THE NIXON BREZHNEV SUMMIT. IN CANADA' S VIEW, THIS WOULD PROBABLY RULE OUT REACHING AGREEMENT ON A DATE FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE ALLIES HAD TO MAKE A DECISION ON DATE FOR CSCE MINISTERIAL. OTTAWA FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE ALLIES WILL LOSE THEIR LEVERAGE OVER THE SOVIETS IF THEY FOLLOW THIS COURSE. ALLIES WILL NOT HAVE ANY LEVERAGE TO SPARE ONCE CSCE MOVES INTO PHASE II, SINCE THEY WILL NEED ALL THE LEVERAGE THEY HAVE JUST TO INSURE GOOD AGREEMENTS IN PHASE II. THEREFORE, BEFORE THERE IS ANY AGREEMENT TO RECESS IN VIENNA, THE DATE FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE NAILED DOWN.

3. DRAWING FULLY ON REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD DESCRIBED U. S. DECISION TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PRESSING THE SOVIETS ON THE MBFR DATE AND, IF THE SOVIETS REFUSE, TO INDICATE THAT THE SECOND PHASE OF CSCE WILL MAKE NO PROGRESS. THE UK AND FRG PROMPTLY WELCOMED AND AGREED WITH U. S. VIEW. UK (PECK) OBSERVED THAT THE MOMENTUM IN HELSI

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